

## Peirce Murder Suspects Elude Trap in Garage

Slain Man's Auto Stored in Wheeling by Two Men and Woman; Police Notified, Watch for Return

May Have Taken Alarm

Fugitive Promises but Fails to Reappear; Revenge Is Supposed Slaying Motive

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The big roadster in which the murderer of Henry T. Peirce, of Fort Washington, escaped from the city, was found tonight in a garage at Wheeling, W. Va. The motor car had been left there for repairs by two men and the "comely blonde" who was in the company of Peirce on Saturday night when he was last seen alive.

Detectives immediately departed for Wheeling, confident of apprehending the suspects within twenty-four hours. The description of the car, together with the license number, led to the positive identification of the machine as that owned by Peirce.

The automobile was stored on Monday night. The suspicions of W. D. Plant, the owner of the garage, were aroused by the similarity of the description published in the Philadelphia newspapers with the appearance of one of the men and the woman occupying the car. The license plates on it were sent double to prevent a casual observer from reading the number of the license.

The driver of the car, according to Plant, left it in the garage with instructions that a new battery be placed in it. He promised to call for it at 8 o'clock this morning. At the appointed time the man called for it, but was informed that the garage owner could not replace the battery, but would re-charge it.

Garage Owner Notifies Police. The man said that he did not have time to wait, but would see his wife first. The garage owner in the mean time notified the Wheeling police, but the man failed to return. The police are guarding the machine, awaiting the appearance of the Philadelphia detectives.

The Wheeling police believe the murder party took alarm and escaped in a train. The "comely blonde," who formerly was the sweetheart of a pugilist now serving a term in the penitentiary for burglary, is known to have visited Peirce's apartment Friday night.

About 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning Peirce, in his machine, picked up the woman and a man companion. The trio proceeded to Peirce's place of business, where he also had his town apartment, and which he had advertised for rent.

Had Been Drinking Heavily. There was a sharp quarrel between Peirce, who had been drinking heavily, and the other man, which ended in blows. From bits of a revolver found at the scene, it is believed that Peirce drew a weapon, which was smashed by the heavy wrench in the hands of the other man. Then the wrench was swung at Peirce's head.

The theory of robbery is discounted by the police, who believe that revenge was the sole motive. In a Saturday morning newspaper Peirce advertised his apartment for rent. He recently had it furnished. This advertisement is said by the police to be an important link in the case.

Peirce, who was married and had five children, lived at Fort Washington. He was the local manager of several concerns, and was a prominent lodge member. When he did not return home Sunday his wife grew worried. Later the body was found in the apartment on the third floor. Gas was pouring from a stove.

Seen With Blonde Woman. Peirce ate a meager meal at a restaurant at Twentieth and Market streets shortly before 4 o'clock on Saturday night. At that time employees of the restaurant noted that he seemed to be under the influence of liquor.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock he was seen in the company of a blonde woman near a gasoline-filling station, a short distance from his office. This was the same woman with whom he had been on the preceding night. About 8 o'clock he left the woman and went to a restaurant with a man friend, where he remained for a long time. At 1:30 he met the woman and her companion and proceeded with them to the apartment.



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## City Marshal Guilty Of Oppression Charge

Gaynor Entered Woman's Apartment at Night; Got \$10 Under Threat of Eviction

In the Court of Special Sessions yesterday Michael J. Gaynor, a city marshal, fifty years old, of 590 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, was convicted of oppression by Justices Kernochan, Edwards and Murphy. Miss Sadie Cole, of 388 Central Park West, charged that on June 10 Gaynor, at 2 o'clock in the morning, took possession of her apartment. He told her at that time, according to the complaint, that when she paid him \$10, so that she might stay some of the furniture he had taken from the place. Miss Cole said she paid him \$10, so that she might stay there during the night.

The court was informed by Miss Cole that she had leased the apartment and had purchased the furniture and could produce a bill of sale from Anna Minnuth. She testified that the city marshal had an execution against Anna Minnuth and her appeal to him had no effect.

Bernard Sandler, attorney for Miss Cole, told reporters that he had filed charges against the marshal with Mayor Hylan and would begin action against Gaynor for damages to Miss Cole's property.

Gaynor will be sentenced on November 29.

## Hoover Heads Union of Eight Relief Bodies

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In the Literary Digest, October 30, which has received nation-wide editorial comment and nearly \$1,000,000 in money.

Colonel R. C. Olds, chief American Red Cross commissioner in Europe, who came to New York from Paris two months ago, sailed yesterday for Europe on the Aquitania. He will be engaged in relief activity for the next year and has been authorized to expend up to \$10,000,000.

## 3,500,000 Children in Europe Depend on U. S.

Herbert Hoover Makes Plea for Little Ones Abroad at Dinner Given by H. B. Jackson

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—A plea for the undernourished children of Europe was voiced in this city tonight by Herbert Hoover, who was named chairman of the European Relief Council, formed today in New York. Mr. Hoover, speaking to 300 Chicagoans at a dinner given by Howard B. Jackson, formerly vice-president of the United States Grain Corporation, told of the affliction of seven American relief societies, and continued:

"This council, after full investigation, has decided that complete priority should be given to American relief in Europe to support 3,500,000 children who, since the armistice, have been dependent on American charity, until the children are secure over the winter."

## Texas Suspect Arrested As \$300,000 Embezzler

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 23.—Police here today arrested a man whom they believed to be George L. Martin, wanted in Louisville, Ky., in connection with alleged embezzlement involving about \$300,000. Martin has been missing from Louisville since January, 1918, local authorities were advised.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 23.—George L. Martin is under indictment here charged with embezzling approximately \$260,000 of the funds of the German Savings Fund and Building Association, of which he was secretary, and about \$40,000 from other institutions with which he was connected.

24,972 Aliens Enter Connecticut. HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 23.—Figures in a report by Robert C. Deming, State Americanization Commissioner, show that 24,972 immigrants will have come to Connecticut in an eleven months' period, which included the present month. Most of the newcomers were from southern Europe.

## Baker Revokes Western Union Cable Permit

Secretary of War's Action Follows Statement by Company Head That He Had Official Sanction

Affects Work at Miami

Carlton Charged Daniels Arbitrarily Interfered With Plans for Months

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Secretary Baker announced tonight that he had revoked permission granted the Western Union Telegraph Company last May to lay certain cables at Biscayne Bay, Miami, Fla. The permit was issued by the district engineer at Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. Baker directed its withdrawal by telegram tonight.

Mr. Baker made no explanation of his action. He merely authorized, through his secretary, the statement that the permit had been rescinded. The announcement followed, however, the statement in New York tonight by Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Company, that his company had not only rights granted by act of Congress, but specific permission of the War Department to do certain cable work in the vicinity of Miami.

Carlton's Statement. Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, declared last night that his company has general authority under an act of Congress to lay cables in all navigable waters in the United States. Mr. Carlton made this assertion in a formal statement which he issued in connection with his company's application to Congress to lay cables in all navigable waters in the United States. Mr. Carlton made this assertion in a formal statement which he issued in connection with his company's application to Congress to lay cables in all navigable waters in the United States.

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